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Next month, George F. Johnson of Garland will tell us all about Carson City, Nev. and its famous mint. Watch for it!

1st REMEMBER The
of April is the deadline
for the May issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We as members of the numismatic fraternity must always be cognizant of all our members. We must see that not only those collectors that can afford extremely rare coins — will be able to buy — we must also see that the beginning and smaller collector has those items available to him. We should encourage those collectors. They are the future not only in our hobby, but others as well. It is heartening indeed to attend a coin show and see a dealer answering questions and generally taking the time to help a collector, of either limited means or of limited knowledge. Remember folks, unless we had a gold spoon in our mouths (and psychic), most of us had little money or knowledge when we started out.

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Your president is looking forward to attending Greater Houston Coin Club's 25th annual Money Show Jan. 29, 30, 31. What a great city Houston is and what a great bunch of numismatists live in this booming area.

Thanks for the Newsletters from your club. Your president reads each one and is aware of the very active clubs throughout the state. Please, if you have a Newsletter, I would appreciate a copy.

Enjoyed reading Robert Greenwood's article in the January issue of TNA NEWS. If you missed this article, borrow a copy from a friend and read it. I remember attending coin shows in the late 1950s and it was mostly collector to dealer during the hours of the show. After supper, the dealer would meet in their motel room swapping tales as well as coins. Those were different times, however. A dealer could have a very large inventory of coins for an investment of less than \$25,000. Now, some dealers only carry coins worth \$1,000 and up. What a shame! They are missing the majority of our numismatists, and the joy of talking true collector-talk to these individuals. If history repeats itself, and I believe that it will, some of those dealers who only deal with a small part of our hobby will have to start dealing with the rest, or rest assured they will be given a lot of rest!

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L.C. (Lonnie) Mears, general chairman of the TNA convention, May 21-22-23 in Ft. Worth, reports everything excellent. Make your plans now to attend, and be sure to include your wife. Special events are planned for

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THE FIRST CHRISTIAN ROMAN EMPEROR — AND HIS SONS

By Lee Grossman

Constantine I, known as Constantine the Great, or, in full, Flavius Valerius Aurelius Constantinus, was born about 280 A.D. in Naissus (now Nis, Yugoslavia). He was the eldest son of the Roman Emperor Constantius I. He joined his father in Gaul for an expedition in the province of Britain, about 305 A.D. When his father died at Eboracum (now York, England), the following year, the army proclaimed Constantine emperor in the west. Many battles were fought and many revolts were put down, and, in 341 A.D., he defeated Licinius (emperor in the east) for complete control of the empire. Licinius ceded the provinces of Illyricum, Macedona, Moesia, Pannonia and Greece to Constantine.

In 323 A.D., war was renewed with Licinius, and in 324, Licinius was defeated in the ancient city of Byzantium, and was put to death. Constantine rebuilt Byzantium in 324, and moved the imperial capital from Rome to Byzantium. He dedicated the city in 330 as the City of Constantine or Constantinople (now Istanbul). He ruled from here until his death.

In 313, at Milan, Constantine adopted the Christian religion and decreed that Christianity be the lawful religion throughout the empire. It was said that just before the last battle at the Milvian Bridge in Rome in 312 A.D., he had a vision of the Christian cross with the legend in

Greek, "By this sign thou shalt conquer!" (In Latin, it is "In hoc signo vinces.")

His reign is generally regarded as enlightened and tolerant. He devoted himself to correcting abuses in the administration of the laws; to strengthening the frontiers and reorganization of the army, and to chastising the barbarians. As the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity, the religion began to flourish and became the religion of the rulers themselves. Constantine also retained the traditional pagan title of Pontifex Maximus, and his coins still bore the figures and names of the old gods. He did not receive baptism until shortly before his death.

The result of instituting legal reforms and other changes increased his power so that he became an absolute ruler. Like most rulers in that day and time, he lived in fear. Rumors and lies became the truth to him. Elimination of close relatives and friends was the only means of self-preservation.

Constantine the Great unified the empire, but upon his death in 337 A.D. at the age of 57, it was divided by his sons. He had ruled for 31 years.

During his reign, coinage underwent a considerable number of changes. The weight of the follis was reduced, a new coin called the solidus was introduced in place of the gold

aureus, and a new silver coin called the siliqua was added.

CRISPUS – FORGOTTEN SON OF THE GREAT CONSTANTINE

Crispus Caesar, or in full, Flavius Julius Crispus, was the eldest son of Constantine the Great. His mother, Minerva (or Minervina), was divorced by Constantine in 307 A.D. He received his education from the Christian writer, Lactantius Firmianus. On Mar. 1, 317, Constantine gave Crispus the title of Caesar (junior emperor) and made him titular ruler of Gaul. In the second war between Constantine and his co-emperor Licinius in 324 A.D., Crispus commanded his father's fleet and won an important naval victory in the Hellespont. But in 326, while accompanying Constantine to Rome to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his father's accession, he was put to death at Pola under mysterious circumstances on his father's orders. Shortly afterward, his stepmother, Fausta, was also executed.

According to a story widely believed at the time, Fausta had told Constantine that Crispus had tried to seduce her, and she, in turn, was denounced by the emperor's mother, Helena. But the event remains a mystery.

Gold, silver and bronze coins were minted in 16 different mints, and almost all are hard to find and command a high premium in the better grades.

ROMAN EMPEROR CONSTANTINE II – GREED WAS THE DEATH OF HIM

Flavius Claudius Constantinus was born in 314 A.D., the eldest son of Constantine I and Fausta. He was

created Caesar in 317, and he distinguished himself in a campaign against the Goths when he was 18 years old.

Following the death of Constantine I in 337 A.D., he became Augustus when the division of the Empire was made and he received the western half (Spain, Gaul and Britain) as his sphere of government. It wasn't long before the "grass looked greener in the eastern half of the empire." He soon quarrelled with his younger brother, Constans, over the division of the territories, and early in 340, he crossed the Alps and invaded Italy, only to be killed in an ambush near Aquileia. Constans took over the west and became ruler of the entire empire.

Gold solidus and semissis were issued, as were silver miliarensis and siliqua. Bronze coinage was also minted. In all, 13 mints provided coinage.

Both the gold and silver coins are expensive with some silver miliarensis extremely rare, according to David R. Sear, recognized international numismatist on ancient coins. Bronze issues when Constantine II was Caesar are fairly common and obtainable at \$15 in Very Fine condition. Those minted as Augustus are much harder to find and are worth \$50 and more in Very Fine.

Brotherly love in the days of the Roman Empire didn't change much from the days of Cain and Abel, and we all know how Cain loved Abel.

CONSTANTIUS II – THE SECOND SON OF CONSTANTINE THE GREAT

Constantius II, whose full name was Flavius Julius Constantius, was born in 317 A.D. and died in 361 A.D.

He was the second son of Constantine the Great. Upon his father's death in 337, Constantius was given the eastern provinces in a three-way division of the empire.

During most of his reign, he was occupied with the struggle against Shapur II (309-379 A.D.), who had become sole emperor in the west, was killed during the revolt of Magnentius in 350 A.D., and Magnentius became emperor of the west. Constantius led an army against Magnentius, defeated him in 351 and thus became ruler of the entire Roman Empire.

In 355, he appointed his cousin, Julian, as Caesar (junior emperor) in charge of the western provinces. Julian won decisive victories over the Alamanni. When Julian's troops were recalled by Constantius for service against Shapur II, they revolted and proclaimed Julian as Emperor. Constantius prepared to subdue them but died enroute on Nov. 3, 361 A.D., where upon Julian became emperor.

Constantius introduced a new bronze coin called centenionalis in 346 A.D., but this piece was discontinued in 354 A.D. Gold, silver and bronze coinage was minted, with some gold and silver pieces being very scarce and very costly. The bronze issues are more plentiful and reasonably priced.

About 340 A.D., the imperial obverse title changed from the IMP(erator) used throughout the earlier centuries to the new formula, D(ominus) N(oster). The reverse, on the bronze coinage, was inscribed FEL TEMP REPARATIO ("The restoration of happy times.")

MARCH, 1982

Special Exhibits Lined Up For TNA Convention

Several educational and historical exhibits will be shown at the May 21 - 23 Texas Numismatic Association convention at Fort Worth, according to Howard W. Luke, publicity chairman.

The Federal Reserve Bank will exhibit counterfeit paper money and coins, and displays of coins and currency of the 1800s and early 1900s will be set up by the Bureau of the Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Also of special interest in the exhibit area will be several paintings of coins from the J. J. Meeker collection.

Two representatives from the ANACS certification service will be attending the convention to study coins and offer their opinion as to their authenticity. There will be no charge for this service.

Kathryn Mears, in charge of special entertainment, has planned several tours for convention guests. One will be a walking tour through the famous Livestock Exchange, which is featured on the 1982 TNA medal, and North Fort Worth's Western Town and Billy Bob's Texas.

TNA members wishing to place competitive and non-competitive exhibits should contact Werner Pegg or George Kesterson, Box 12733, Fort Worth 76116.

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COIN WEEK NORTH AMERICA - DEI GRATIA - THE WHOOPING CRANE

By Glen Littrell

In the wake of the ice age, 500,000 years ago, the Whooping Crane was a flourishing specie of the bird population. By the time the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock their numbers had diminished to a mere 1500 birds. By 1939 they were designated as an endangered specie with only 14 birds remaining. In recent years the governments of Canada and the United States established a wildlife program to reverse the demise of the famous "whooper." There are now approximately 100 birds in existence.

From the ground, the whooping cranes resemble blacktipped crosses in the sky protected by the "Grace of God" from the loss of habitants, predators and man's animosity. As the cranes leave Canada's N.W. Territory, they spiral higher and higher above the spruce and tamarack and then turn south to ride the wind the length of the North American continent.

The sight of the whooping cranes in the air is an experience packed with beauty and drama. As they glide through the sky, there is a dignity and sense of unconquered wildness essential to their will to survive. There are times when the cranes' clarion call fill the heavens with a windsong resembling the sound of the trumpets from the Angel Gabriel. After wintering in the grasslands of south Texas' balmy coastal bend, the whooping cranes will return to Canada in mid-April. This is the same time frame that is set aside for Coin Week North America.

The whooping crane is not the only victim of evil forces. Both the United States and the Canadian monetary systems have been desecrated on occasions by those who appear to be non-believers of a Supreme Being. In 1910 Canada passed the Revised Currency Act that resulted in the



This wood was so designed that a skilled craftsman could remove the wooden coin designed in the center and replace it with a real Canadian large cent with DEI GRA on one side and ONE CENT 1911 on the other. Only a dozen of these Whooping Crane "Coppers" have been produced.

removal of DEI GRATIA (by the Grace of God) from 1911 fractional coinage. One of the victims protested vehemently and insisted on the amended legend being returned to the 1912 coins. To this day Dei Gratia, Dei Gra, or D.G. appears on the coins of the Dominion of Canada.

So it is that this 1982 Coin Week wood has at least, in part, symbolically removed the blemish from Canadian coinage and "Dei Gratia" has properly returned to the 1911 large cent. There are some that believe that this act may not just be symbolic. It is reported that several large cent enthusiasts have been systematically removing this "dis-grace-ful" coin from circulation. As late as 1980 most of the major dealers in Canadian coins on both sides of the border were canvassed and offered a fair market price for the few remaining 1911 large cents, extra fine and better. The response was surprisingly light. An inventory of the auction catalogues and the numismatic ads will confirm this conclusion. There is some discussion that if the 1911s are returned to the market they may bear a counterstamp of a cross or some other appropriate mark to make it possible for the 1911 King George V large cent to take its rightful place in the Court of Honor in Canadian numismatics.


ANA Grading Guide Released by Western

The challenge of presenting coin hobbyists with a uniform coin grading system was met by the first edition of the OFFICIAL ANA GRADING STANDARDS FOR UNITED STATES COINS. With the same commitment to objectivity and impartiality, an improved second edition Grading Guide has been released by Western Publishing Co., Inc.

Acknowledged as the most effective grading book available, the 352-page text was compiled by numismatic experts Abe Kosoff and Ken Bressett. Aside from these co-authors, the list of contributors to the "Gray Book" consists of the most respected authorities in the field today. More than 1,000 illustrations combine with the text to focus on the important concepts of mint luster differences, coin colorations, striking and die characteristics and surface wear.

An important revision in the second edition of Grading Guide is a provision for the recently recognized MS63 and MS67 grade levels.

The new edition is priced at \$6.95 and is available through most coin, hobby and bookstores. It may also be ordered directly from Western Publishing Co., Inc., Dept. M, Box 700, Racine, Wisc. 53401. Make check or money order payable to Western Publishing Co., Inc. and enclose an additional \$1.00 to cover postage and handling.



The U.S. Gold Commission recommended that the government begin minting gold coins to compete with those of South Africa and other nations in meeting American's desire to own gold.

Pitrucci's famous engraving of St. George and the Dragon may have been derived from the 16th century painting of Paris Bordone.

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N.L.G.

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EDITOR

We have been enjoying "The Antique-Flea Market News" being sent by W. L. Timmons of Dallas. The News is published every other week for the Marketplaces of the Metroplex by C. C. Roberson. It's chock full of information on every conceivable collectible for collectors. A column on coins and related items appears in each issue written by Timmons. It's been dubbed "Tim's Koin Korner." It's interesting and we appreciate receiving it . . . Lee Grossman is conducting a course on coins, paper money, tokens, medals, etc. (basic numismatics) at the Jewish Community Center in San Antonio. If close by and you want to participate, call Lee at 344-3453...

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Argentina has started printing one-million peso notes, but after five years of triple-digit inflation they aren't worth too much. The million-peso bills are worth about \$100 each in American currency, but they are thought to be the world's largest denomination. Up to this time the largest Argentinean money note was 1,000 pesos, now worth about a dime each

Thirty years passed between President Harry Truman's authorization of the Booker T. Washington-George Washington Carver commemorative silver half dollar in September, 1951, and President Ronald Reagan's signing of the George Washington Commemorative Coin Act into law on December 23, 1981. Now collectors with an interest in U.S. commemoratives will have one more to add to their collection. The new coin will honor the 250th anniversary of the birth of the "Father of his Country" which will be 90 percent silver, a diameter of 30.61, will weigh 12.50 grams, shall be legal tender and dated 1982. Up to 10,000,000 may be minted

Before Dixie came to mean the South, it was a New Orleans \$10 bill, with one side printed in English and the other in French. Dix is the French word for 10, and Dixie is the land where dixies circulated . . . Some employers are losing faith in the educational system. There was an ad for a job that requires a B.A., an M.A. and a Ph.D. OR two weeks experience adios & thirty

from the 2nd vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall

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We are well into the new year and if all are like me, we all feel that there is not enough time in the day for all we need to do.

Have you all seen the January 1982 "Numismatist"? If not then take a quick look at the arrangement of the new ANA membership applications. They are arranged according to state. This means that no longer will we have to go through the complete listings to get the names of the Texas applicants. If I wanted to be facetious I would say this is the best thing discovered since girls' , but I won't.

"Jop" Joplin recently sent me a thick letter and upon receiving it I though he had finally decided to send me a few suggestions to improve my office. However, this was not the

case. It seems that the Levelland Coin Club is deeply involved in some of the community programs. One of these, a boys' club, was given some of the proceeds of one of the activities. Jop and his group helped raise a total of \$2,298.44 TAATOTH to Jop and the Levelland Coin Club. Oh, yes, the name of the organization is Levelland Boys Club.

Greater Houston Coin Club has been instrumental in getting the city to take the word "money" out of the law passed last year. We can now buy and sell without having to hold the merchandise for several days. However, this applies ONLY to coins or money. Bars, jewelry, etc. still are under the same regulations.

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Written by the staff of Coin World, the handbook addresses questions most new collectors and investors will have. The new first edition covers virtually the entire numismatic spectrum in 110 pages — an almost total rewrite, with a completely new and illustrated format. The last version was published in 1976.

In 22 chapters under four general headings, **BASIC KNOWLEDGE** probes "both sides of the coin." The focus is not only on the physical scope and breadth of collecting, but also on the intellectual parameters of these pursuits.

It also contains factual, how-to information on topics such as the mechanics of buying and selling.

BASIC KNOWLEDGE can be ordered directly from the publisher, Amos Press, Inc., 911 Vandemark Rd., Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365. Prices are \$3 per copy, or \$1.80 per copy in quantities of 10 or more. Both prices include postage.

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MINI NEWS TIME AGAIN!

As the 1982 Texas Numismatic Association convention draws nearer than we think, it's time to plan for the annual pocket-size edition of **TNA NEWS in Miniature**.

The booklet acquaints convention visitors and prospective TNA members with the organization, giving the history and pertinent information.

If you wish to participate in this annual project as a patron (individual, club or special), please send your contribution of \$2.50 **BY APRIL 24** to TNA NEWS Editor, 315 Vance Jackson #C-26, San Antonio, Tx. 78201.

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HELENE SIMPSON

Helene Hogue Simpson recently passed away in San Angelo. She was 69. Services were held in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel.

Mrs. Simpson, a resident of San Angelo since 1917, was born in Palestine. She was an English teacher in the San Angelo Independent School District for 27 years, retiring in 1976. She was active in the First Christian Church, a member of the AAUW and was listed in Who's Who of American women. Mrs. Simpson also was a member of Texas Teachers Assn., and the Council Teachers of English.

Survivors include her husband, Roscoe M. Simpson, two daughters; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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WELCOME to new members 4119-4122. If approved the following will become members April 1982.

4123 William Randel, Box 173, Hatboro, PA 19040. Dealer R. E. Slocum.

J-4124 (D-5) Michael Kohler Jr., 3454 Pine Tree Circle, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. U.S. early type. Gem silver dollars. C. C. Andrews.

J-4125 (D-5) Mark Kohler, 3454 Pine Tree Circle, Farmers Branch, TX 75234 Canadian & misc. U.S. C. C. Andrews.

4126 Kent Brennan, South 3723 Tekoa, Spokane, WA 99203 C.C. Andrews.

4127 (D-8) Ralph J. Johnson, Box 96, Port Mansfield, TX 78598 Mexican E. L. "Bob" Bills.

J-412B (D-1) David Luttrell, 724 Shady Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76119. All coins. E. L. "Bob" Bills.

4129 Mick Millard, 302B Ryan St. #351, Lake Charles, LA 70601 R. E. Slocum.

4130 Leo N Cashatt Jr., S. 4124 Madelia, Spokane, WA 99203 Silver dollars & gold. C. C. Andrews.

4131 (D-5) William P. Fraser, 1735 Promenade, Richardson, TX 75080 Silver dollars. R. E. Slocum.

4132 Paul J. Dylewski, 5144 Old

French Road, Erie, PA 16509 R. E. Slocum.

4133 (D-11) Bill R. Woods, 5009 Tulip, Amarillo, TX 79110 Silver dollars & type coins. R. W. Wilson & Ernest Cummings.

4134 Stephen R. Juskewycz, 1595 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16508. Eleanor Kennady.

4135 (D-1) Ernest Jones, 2822 W 7th St., Fort Worth, TX 76107. Dealer R. E. Slocum.

4136 (D-1) C. H. Maple, 305 Appaloosa, Amarillo, TX 79108 General. Nela & Linda Runkle.

4137 Jerry Wilcox, Box 82881, Oklahoma City, OK 7310B U.S. type. Morgans, modern singles R. E. Slocum.

4138 (D-12) Victor S. Butts, Box 1617, Huntsville, TX 77340. Modern olympic coins. Bill Mark.

4139 Charles E. Hayes, Box 641, Rolla, Mo. 65401 R. E. Slocum.

4140 (D-5) Allen L. Green, 303 N. Akard St. Dallas, TX 75201. R. E. Slocum. E. Kennady.

4141 (D-5) Marty Sidener, 3075 Ponder Dr., Dallas, TX 75229 Wm. L. Timmons.

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from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady

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Balance on hand as of Dec 31, 1981 \$5,726.58

RECEIPTS:

Sale of 1982 Medals	104 00	
TNA Dues	970 00	
TNA NEWS Ads	348 00	1,422.00
		<hr/> 7,148.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

TNA Secretary - December Payment	150 00	
TNA NEWS Editor - January travel allowance and December petty cash	173 33	
Banner Printing Company	1,082 90	
December issue - 1150 copies	850.50	
Engraving	5 00	
Handling	50.00	
Postage	137 40	
Bulk mailing fee	40.00	
Waxahachie Glass Co. - Repair of display cases	30 00	
River Oaks Printing Co. - Medal certificates	56 70	
Central Forwarding, Inc. - Case handling	3 75	1,496 68
		<hr/> 5,651 90

Balance on hand as of Jan 31, 1982 5,651.90

Operating Funds 5,546 01

Encumbered Funds 105.89

Note: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for which they are encumbered. The balance above includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Memorial Library Fund as of Jan. 31, 1982	105.89
TNA Life Membership Savings Account as of Jan 31, 1982	4,393 35
TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of Jan 31, 1982	3,863 11
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TOTAL ASSETS	15,408.36

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MARCH 20-21

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. **BOURSE:** Ed Chauncey, 5015 University, Lubbock 79413

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MARCH 21

DAL-WORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Rodeway Inn, Old Dallas-Ft. Worth Turnpike, Hwy 360 at Six Flags. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118

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MARCH 25-28

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, SINCON XI, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, Calif. **WRITE:** Box 943, Santa Monica, Calif. 90406

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MARCH 27-28

WACO COIN CLUB, coin & stamp show, Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave. **CONTACT:** Aubrey Carpenter, Box 8014, Waco 76714

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APRIL 24-25

AMARILLO COIN CLUB Show, Civic Center. **BOURSE:** Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo 79106 806/355-1702 806 355-1702

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APRIL 24-25

HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Junior High School, 2805 Granger, Greenville. **WRITE:** Roy R. Jones, 2805 Granger, Greenville

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MAY 21-23

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN CONVENTION, Tarrant County Convention Center, Ft. Worth. **BOURSE:** Bob Slocum, 6732 Fortune, Ft. Worth 76116.

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JUNE 5-6

GARLAND COIN CLUB, annual show, Sheraton Inn Dallas Northeast. Other details later

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JUNE 26 - 27

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show, Orange House Inn.

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JULY 16-18

DALLAS COIN CLUB, annual show, North Park Inn, 9300 North Central Expressway. **WRITE:** Club Show, Box 7673, Dallas 75209. 214/357-1379

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AUGUST 5-8

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, SONCON XII, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, Ca. **WRITE:** Box 943, Santa Monica, Ca 90406

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AUGUST 7-8

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB Show, Community Center, 7000 S. Rice Blvd. **WRITE:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401

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District Meetings

DISTRICT III -

At the January meeting of Nolan County Coin Club in Sweetwater, members voted to change the date of the annual Wildcat Show from October to Aug. 14-15. The show will be held at Nolan County Coliseum Annex.



Melba Coursey
Governor

For more information write the Club, Box 1506, Sweetwater 79556 or call Herman Nations 915/236-6146 - Vadie Nations, Sec.

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DISTRICT IV -

The annual show sponsored by Austin Coin Club will be held at Quality Inn South on Sept. 25 - 26.

For table reservation and information write the Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767



Robert F. Greenwood
Governor

The 1935 George V Jubilee silver crown was minted during the last year of George V's reign and was the next-to-last circulating silver crown issued in Great Britain.

DISTRICT V -

Dallas Coin Club's annual show will be held July 16 - 18 at North Park Inn, 9300 North Central Expressway and to obtain more information write Club Show, Box 7673, Dallas 75209 or phone 214/357-1379.



Barney Welch
Governor

Other plans made by club members will be a party on May 21 to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the club's organization. The Dallas club is the oldest club in Texas. Named to share party arrangements were Mickey McGuire, chairman, assisted by C. C. Andrews, A. L. Clinkinbeard and Marilyn Cowardin.

T. J. Collette Jr., a vice president for Mercantile National Bank, spoke to the group at a recent meeting on "Historic Trends in Money Cost." During another meeting a "Show and Tell" session was held. Some items shown were: a Hitler book in German, a collection of different types of Dr. Pepper bottles, a coin impressor, an 1851 over 1881 large cent, a counterfeit gold piece, Retablo paintings, Navaho baskets, a Chinese com-

memorative coin, an old compact case, an Austrian commemorative coin set, old Texas bonds and an unusual American Bank Note Co. souvenir card with the entire Declaration of Independence engraved in a 2-inch square circa 1840. ~ **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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Numismatics International of Dallas has announced that a hard-bound edition of the George Ulex auction catalogue of 1908 is now available for purchase.

Ulex's collection was rich in exonumis and coins of the Western Hemisphere. It included coins such as the Greenland Piastre and the Canadian 1670 15 Sol of Louis XIV. This edition has 173 pages with over 4100 lots, representing better than 10,000 coins and reference books. There are also six plates showing 100 coins and medals.

The book can be purchased from NI for \$40.00. Orders should be sent to NI, Box 30013, Dallas 75230.

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James M. Brown is serving as general chairman of the 14th annual coin show hosted by **Garland Coin Club** June 5 - 6 at Sheraton Inn, Dallas Northeast. Tables can be reserved at \$70.00 each through Billy D. Gilbreath, bourse chairman, Box 401303, Garland 75040. ~ **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI -

Members of **Greater Houston Coin Club** are considering a change in meeting location and also to rent a small office in the same building in order to establish a permanent home for the club. All of the club's assets,



Al Loja
Governor

such as the library, documents, screen and slide projector, could be stored there with easy member accessibility during meeting nights. The site proposed is Buffalo Savings & Loan Assn. on the South Loop at Buffalo Speedway

The club held the 25th Money Show in January and have already made plans for the 1983 show at Adam's Mark Hotel on Jan. 28, 29, 30. Jay Jackson was selected by the Board to be the general chairman.

Club officers are Melvin Neal, president; Jackson, vice president; Jim Cohen, secretary; and Jim Hodnett, treasurer - **Club Bulletin**.

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The Community Center will be the site of the annual coin show sponsored by **Bellaire Coin Club** on Aug. 7 - 8. The Center is located at 7000 S. Rice in Bellaire.

Three major hotels are located near the Center for the convenience of dealers and visitors. Table reservations at \$85.00 each may be made by contacting the Club at Box 303, Bellaire 77401. - **Fred Baker, Reporter**.

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DISTRICT VII –

Programs for January meetings of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio included a slide program on the coinage of Massachussetts and a double-feature program on Ancients. Speakers were a club member and a junior guest.

If anyone is interested in attending the **ANACS Coin Authentication Seminar** on Mar. 20-21 should contact Tom Walker, phone 696-5393, for information and reservations.

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Twenty four attended the Jan. 21 meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** in San Antonio held at Roadrunner Recreation Center, Ft. Sam Houston, when Lee Grossman presented a program on "Valentinian II, His Coins and Times." Lee discussed the metal contents, mints, procedures and the longevity of political figures of the times.

At an earlier meeting James Allen gave a report on the club's "Good Samaritan" effort for Christmas. Lee Grossman announced he will be teaching a course in numismatics at the Jewish Community Center. – **Mike McGowen, Sec.**

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In order to satisfy the merchants of the crown colony of Hong Kong, who would not accept coins without a high silver content, the British coined large silver trade dollars to promote commerce



Frank Galindo
Governor

DISTRICT VIII –

Joe B. Davis addressed members of **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi at the Feb. 2 meeting on the subject of counterfeiting. Davis has attended seminars on counterfeiting and is experienced in the evaluation

of collections. he is considered an expert in this field. The counterfeiting of coins is an age old problem dating back to before the birth of Christ. When the colonies were started in North America many "entrepreneurs" emigrated and continued their trades over here.

Another program was presented by Glen Littrell, slides on "How to Make a Penny." This was second in a series on the cent meant to precede the introduction of the new zinc cent. – **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX –

D.O. Joplin made an appeal for support of the TNA Mini News again this year at the January meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield. Ten were present

Members voted to buy mint and



Joe B. Davis
Governor



D.O. Joplin
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DISTRICT MEETINGS —

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proof sets as door prizes for 1982 Reports were heard on area activities.
— **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

Jim Bland presented a program on Dollars at the January meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. The program was followed by a 41-lot auction conducted by Ed Chauncey and D. O. Joplin.

New officers are Ed Chauncey, president; Joyce Chauncey, secretary-treasurer; and Kurt McEnaney, vice president.

Joplin announced he would donate the best in show award for 1982 at the March coin show. Thirty two were present. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XI —

Two shows have been planned for 1982 by members of **Amarillo Coin Club** and will be held April 24 - 25 and Oct. 16 - 17. Both will be held at the Civic Center and bourse chairman is Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo 79106 or phone 806/355-1702. Roy Wilson was named show chairman.

The regular January meeting was held at First National Bank with 33 present. A report on the charity auction dispersal of \$635.00 was given by Jim Jordan.

Linda Runkle gave a program on "The Story of the Lincoln Cent." Winner of the junior quiz was Donald



Nela Runkle
Governor

Terrill, and door prize winners were Francis Runkle, Darrell Tipton, Nela Runkle, Lloyd Colvin and Fred Daggett. — **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11**

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DISTRICT XV —

Plans were made for the annual coin show at the January meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** to be held June 26-27 at Orange House Inn. Serving as general chairman will be Dale Schmidt; Dewey Scott, bourse; Doug Hales, publicity; and Lavada and Lucy Canter, registration.



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

The program for the regular meeting was given by Schmidt. He brought members up to date on pending legislation concerning coins. He also gave a summary of the bills and the effect they would have. Some of the areas covered were commemorative coins, paper money, taxes and changes in the legal tender status of U.S. money. If passed, the bills could have a major effect on the hobby of coin collecting. — **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

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New officers serving **Greater Beaumont Coin Club** are Carol Mounier, president; John Brown, vice president; Kay Brown, secretary; and Butch Edwards, treasurer.

The December meeting was held at the Branding Iron Restaurant with 40 people attending. The January meeting was to be held at First Security Bank. — **Club Bulletin.**

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John Gleason will serve **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** as president along with Jim Eldridge and Glen Dowden, vice presidents; Bill Stein, secretary; and James Rodriguez, treasurer. Election took place at the December meeting held at Marion Cafeteria in Nederland

Congratulations went to Glen Dowden as outstanding member of the year. Tom Cobb presented the annual T. G. Brown award to Dowden who has devoted much time and effort to the club and worked very hard to make the annual coin show a success. — **Club Bulletin.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

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the ladies. Margaret Ann and I are sure looking forward to that good old Ft. Worth hospitality.

It's beginning to look like 1982 will be a fine year for numismatics. Let's all remember to help TNA grow by proposing a new mwumber. THANKS!

Medal Sets Available

The 1982 silver and bronze medal sets issued by Texas Numismatic Association are now available, according Howard W. Luke, TNA medals chairman.

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MARCH, 1982

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NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB. Wildcat Show, Nolan County Coliseum Annex, Sweetwater **WRITE:** Club, Box 1506, Sweetwater 79556 Phone Herman Nations 915/236-6146

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SEPTEMBER 25 - 26

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart, Quality Inn South **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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OCTOBER 16-17

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TNA Convention Meetings Announced for Visitors

Texas Numismatic Association convention officials have announced plans for the traditional morning get-togethers during the May 21-23 convention to be held at Fort Worth in Tarrant County Convention Center.

The governors and club representatives breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m. at the Fort Worth Hilton Inn. The awards breakfast will be at the same location, Sunday, May 23, 8 a.m. Tickets for both events will be \$7.00 each.

The TNA Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. and the general meeting for TNA members, Sunday, May 23, 10 a.m. both at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

CANADA'S DOLLARS

When U.S. collector coins reached record prices in recent years, American collectors began to look elsewhere for better bargains. Canada's silver dollars were immediately attractive - and American collectors have been partly responsible for Canadian silver dollars doubling in value over the last three years.

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The gold medals were presented by President Reagan on behalf of the Congress to Ben L. Abruzzo, Maxie L. Anderson and Larry Newman in recognition of their distinguished feat as aviation pioneers. The historic "Doughty Eagle II" transatlantic balloon flight was launched from Presque Isle, Maine, on August 11 and landed at Miserey, France, August 17, 1978.

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